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## PUERTO RICAN DAY PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Christopher Columbus arrived in Puerto Rico on November 19, 1493; and
- WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico was colonized by Juan Ponce De Leon and his crew from Spain in 1508; and
- WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico became a possession of the United States of America as a result of the Spanish American War in 1898; and
- WHEREAS,** Puerto Ricans became citizens of the United States of America in 1917; and
- WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico has participated in the defense of the United States in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Bosnia, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Gulf War, and Iraq; and
- WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico became the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in 1952; and
- WHEREAS,** The residents of the island of Puerto Rico have contributed much to the rich history of the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the Select Board of Amherst, officially proclaim  
November 19, 2009 as

### PUERTO RICAN DAY

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE** have hereunto voted and set our hands this Twenty Sixth day of October, 2009.

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